

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 26, lines 3-7 with the following amended paragraph:

-- P. haeundaensis (SEQ ID NO: 6): *Paracoccus haeundaensis*
Alcaligenes_sp (SEQ ID NO: 20): *Alcaligenes* genus microorganism
Bradyrhizobium_sp (SEQ ID NO: 21): *Bradyrhizobium* genus
microorganism --

Please replace the paragraph on page 26, lines 16-18 with the following amended paragraph:

-- P. haeundaensis (SEQ ID NO: 8): *Paracoccus haeundaensis*
Alcaligenes_sp (SEQ ID NO: 19): *Alcaligenes* genus microorganism --

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, lines 2-4 with the following amended paragraph:

-- P. haeundaensis (SEQ ID NO: 10): *Paracoccus haeundaensis*
Flavobacterium_sp (SEQ ID NO: 25): *Flavobacterium* genus
microorganism --

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, lines 14-16 with the following amended paragraph:

-- P. haeundaensis (SEQ ID NO: 12): *Paracoccus haeundaensis*
Flavobacterium_sp (SEQ ID NO: 24): *Flavobacterium* genus
microorganism --

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

-- P. haeundaensis (SEQ ID NO: 14): *Paracoccus haeundaensis* --

Please replace the paragraph on page 28, lines 1-2 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Flavobacterium_sp (SEQ ID NO: 23): *Flavobacterium* genus
microorganism --

Please replace the paragraph on page 28, lines 12-14 with the following amended paragraph:

-- P. haeundaensis (SEQ ID NO: 16): *Paracoccus haeundaensis*
Flavobacterium_sp (SEQ ID NO: 22): *Flavobacterium* genus
microorganism --

Please replace the paragraph on page 43, lines 1-22 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Thus, BC74171^T strain of the present invention was confirmed to be a *Paracoccus* genus strain. And the characteristics of the strain of the present invention were compared with those of various *Paracoccus* genus microorganisms. The characteristics of other *Paracoccus* genus microorganism listed in the below Table 4 (2-15) were the results of investigations by Harker et al. (Harker et al., *Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol.*, 48: 543- 548, 1998), Lipski et al. (Lipski et al., *Syst. Appl. Microbiol.*, 20: 448-457, 1997), Tsubokura et al. (Tsubokura et al., *Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol.*, 49: 277-282, 1999), Kelly et al. (Kelly et al., The genus *Paracoccus*. In *The Prokaryotes: An Evolving Electronic Resource for the Microbiological Community*, <http://www.prokaryotes.com>, Edited by M. Dworkin, S. Falkow, E. Rosenberg, K. H. Schleifer & E. Stackebrandt (Eds.). New York: Springer[[.]], 2000) and Doronina et al. (Doronina et al., *Int. J. Syst. Evol. Bacteriol.*, 52 : 679-6, 2002). As shown in Table 4, BC74171T strain of the present invention did not share any characteristics with any other *Paracoccus* genus microorganism. --